MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION June 19, 2012



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ray Gamma, Jerry Marsalli, Mike O'Halloran, Cynthia Owens.

Excused Absence(s): Chuck Blair, Steve Lee, Tino Silva.

STAFF PRESENT: James Teixeira, Director of Parks and Recreation.

PUBLIC: Larry Wolfe.

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION — None.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ ORDER OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Chair Owens at 7:06 p.m. and roll call was taken. Commissioner O'Halloran participated via teleconference from Comfort Suites at North Point Mall, 3000 Mansell Road, Apharetta, Georgia 30022. On a motion by Commissioner Marsalli and second by Commissioner Gamma, the Commission excused (4-0-3) the absence of Commissioners Blair, Lee and Silva. A member of the public was recognized and welcomed to the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Marsalli and second by Commissioner Gamma, the Commission approved (4-0-3) the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2012 with the following correction noted to clarify Item 3.C. "the Santa Clara Swim Club donation to the City was valued at \$50,000."

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

- **A.** The Commission reviewed recent City Council actions including: acceptance of a donation by the Friends of Parks & Recreation to the Senior Center Woodshop Program; approval of the FY2012-13 City Operating and Capital Improvement Project budgets including the Parks & Recreation Department; acceptance of the Parkway Park Restroom Project; recognition of the South of Forest neighborhood street improvement project by the American Public Works Association; and the approval of a Special Permit for the Rotary Club of Santa Clara to host a Championship BBQ at the former Mervyn's Plaza parking lot on June 29-30, 2012.
- **B.** The Commission reviewed an invitation to attend the City Manager retirement gathering. On a motion by Commissioner Marsalli and second by Commissioner Gamma, the Commission recommended that the Director draft and send a letter of appreciation and good wishes to the City Manager, Jennifer Sparacino on the occasion of her retirement from City service.
- C. The Commission reviewed an invitation by the California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services to attend technical assistance workshops regarding upcoming Land and Water Conservation Fund grants. Local meetings will be held in San Jose on July 11 from 9 am to 12 noon at the San Jose State Building Auditorium 100 Paseo de San Antonio. The Commission discussed potential qualifying project ideas such as parkland acquisition, shade structures and park improvements.
- **D.** The Commission reviewed a draft letter from the Director of Parks & Recreation in support of the Santa Clara Swim Club's bid to host the U.S. Masters Swimming Nationals in 2014 and discussed additional support. On a motion by Commissioner Marsalli and second by Commissioner Gamma, the Commission approved including the Commission in the letter of support.

IV. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>—None.

V. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

A. Art & Wine Festival Planning. The Commission reviewed event signage and hanging vinyl banner/maps. On a motion by Commissioner Marsalli and second by Commissioner Gamma, the Commission recommended continued use of the vinyl event banners and developing them in-house to reduce cost. The Commission suggested that sponsors support the cost of production. The Commissioners discussed the "Free Speech Area" and suggested its use for the July 4th All City Picnic.

VI. STAFF REPORT

A. Recreation Programs. Director Teixeira provided an update on current recreation programs and summer camp registration. He mentioned the Coca Cola's America's Favorite Park contest and publicity to vote for Santa Clara's Central Park. Director Teixeira thanked outgoing commissioners for their support and work and reminded Commissioners of the July 10 City Council recognition.

B. Parks Projects. Director Teixeira announced that the Gymnastics Center would be painted in the coming month, and that additional pool repairs at the ISC would be completed over the summer including a new circulation pump and installation of the donated "endless pool." One funded park capital project priority in the new fiscal year will be the Agnews Sport Court. He shared the Veterans Committee's interest in donating improvements in the lawn area in front of the Veterans Memorial in

VII. <u>COMMISSIONERS REPORTS</u>

Commissioner Blair—No report.

Central Park to provide more firm area for event seating.

Commissioner Gamma—Reported on his attendance at the dog park, organizing the De Anza Lions Flag presentation at Kathryn Hughes Elementary School followed by a picnic for the children at Fairway Glen Park Playground; attending the Dia de Portugal on June 9-10, 2012 at Kelley Park in San Jose.

Commissioner Lee— No report..

Commissioner Marsalli— Commissioner Marsalli mentioned attending the Memorial Day Veterans event; the International Swim Meet; and, the PAL Family Fun Day at Central Park Softball Fields. Commissioner Marsalli thanked the Commission and City staff for his opportunity to serve on the Commission and work on many projects over the years for the community, such as the Dog Park, Ulistac Natural Area, Thamien Park, Live Oak Park, Fuller Street Park, the Senior Center Renovation, Veterans Memorial, and a couple of the new and yet to be built parks.

Commissioner O'Halloran—Reported on the South of Forrest Neighborhood recognition and the America's Favorite Park Program and to Vote for Central Park.

Commissioner Owens—Discussed the International Swim Meet attendance and use of technology during the meet. Commissioner Owens provided an update on the Santa Clara Swim Club bid exploration for hosting the 2016 Olympic Trials that may have up to 12 cities bidding for the event that reportedly provided \$25 million in direct benefit to the host City and \$125 in-direct benefits based on 2008 reports. Thanked Commissioner Marsalli and Lee for their service on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Silva—No report.

VIII. CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORTS—None.

IX.	PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
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Larry Wolfe provided a personal invitation to the Commissioners and staff to register for the PAL Golf Tournament to be held August 17, 2012 at the Santa Clara Golf and Tennis Club.

X. <u>ADJOURMENT</u>—On a motion by Commissioner Marsalli and second by Commissioner Gamma, the Commission voted to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for July17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in the Staff Conference Room.

Prepared by:			
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